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# More than 200 students involved in drop/add computer fraud case

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 U. of Tennessee

Nineteen students have been suspended from the U. of Tennessee, and 111 others are on probation after the Office of Student Conduct determined they were involved in a computer-aided registration fraud case that was uncovered this semester.

In all, 224 students were investigated after university administrators discovered a group of students had obtained access to a password that allowed them to enter the drop/add computer system.

The password was obtained from someone who was authorized to enter the system as part of their job, according to Vice Chancellor Phil Scheurer.

Students then used the password to add classes that might be full to their schedules, or to drop classes after the deadline.

"Obviously, students were shopping for classes that would ordinarily be

closed to them," Scheurer said. "In the opposite instance, those who used it to drop classes were doing it, we're told, to avoid the university drop deadline without penalty."

UT students who drop classes after the deadline can do so only with the permission of their adviser and the dean of their college and will have a 'W' on

their records, indicating that they withdrew from the class. Drops done before the deadline do not appear on their records.

Scheurer said the tampering incident began when a small number of students acquired the password to the university's computer system and circulated it dur-

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"God, grant me the courage to change the things I can." Recovering alcohol abusers can get help at Alcoholics Anonymous.

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An Indiana U. columnist suggests banning a group of people who make life intolerable—the rule followers.

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Rags to riches

Sophomore Paul Burneikis has sold his outlandish clothing designs to clients as far away as Japan.

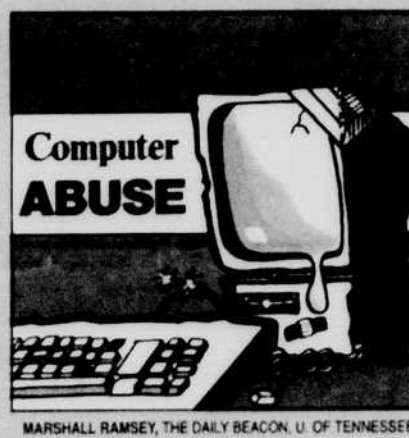
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You snooze, you lose

U. of Virginia students offer tips on staying awake during boring and not-so-boring classes.

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MARSHALL RAMSEY, THE DAILY BEACON, U. OF TENNESSEE

## Student convicted of spreading virus

By Bob Pavlik  
 ■ The Daily Orange  
 Syracuse U.

A computer virus that caused an estimated \$12 million in damages was traced to Cornell graduate student Robert Morris, who was convicted in January of computer fraud and

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## Survey: Political activism to increase in the '90s

By Chris Siegler and Steve Stayrock  
 ■ The Daily Nexus  
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Today's college students show greater social concern, particularly on environmental issues, than students did in much of the '70s and '80s, and tomorrow's students will be even more involved, according to a recent survey that involved 403 schools.

The study, conducted annually for 24 years by the Higher Education Research Institute at U. of California, Los Angeles, and the American Council on Education, questioned more than 200,000 freshmen. The latest statistics show increased direct

student involvement in demonstrations, along with greater concern for the environment.

The survey indicates a distinct tendency toward greater student activism in the future, said Robin Bailey, an assistant to Survey Director Alexander W. Astin of UCLA's Graduate School of Education.

Forty-four percent of students interviewed said influencing "social values" was important to them, while 26 percent were involved in environmental cleanup programs.

In areas of activism, 36.7 percent said they participated in demonstrations in the year before they entered college, a higher proportion than those who reported being active in the late 1960s.

## Sophomore publishes book illustrating children's struggle

By Liz Skinner  
 ■ The GW Hatchet  
 George Washington U.

"My people have a custom," she begins. "When a friend goes away, we give them a bracelet made of string for them to remember us by."

She displays a string bracelet to the camera. "This is for you... remember me."

"The String Bracelet: Reflections of and by the Young People of Southeast Asia" is George Washington U. student Kyle Farmbry's way of remembering

this little Southeast Asian girl and others who lived through brutal repression in their countries and subsequently came to America with hopes of building new lives.

The book contains graphic descriptions of the terror these children faced growing up in Cambodia, Laos and Vietnam. In one composition, a child describes people being beaten to death with sticks and bamboo because the soldiers didn't want to waste bullets.

Farmbry, a GW sophomore, began for-  
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